

Letter from New-Orleans.

The steamer Potomac, Capt. Fletcher, arrived on Wednesday from New-Orleans, with advices to the 1st line. The papers record the success of a small expedition to Bonne Carre Point, where a drove of cattle, intended for the Rebel army, was captured, and a force of Rebels dispersed. A Mobile paper reports the Unionists in strong force at the mouth of the Yazoo, and fears that they will destroy the Confederate Navy Yard up that river. Guerrillas swarm all along the rivers, firing upon boats, and invariably running when attacked. The health of New-Orleans was never so good as it has been for the present summer—no yellow fever yet, and probably there will not be any.

There had been two fires, one at the corner of Poydras and Carondelet streets, burning a German Concert Hall and the stables in the rear. The loss is put at \$50,000. The other fire was on Calhoun street, opposite the Jackson Railroad depot. The loss was not important. On the 28th Gen. Butler reviewed Gen. Butler's brigade at Carrollton, making a brief address to each regiment. He complimented all the regiments engaged at Baton Rouge, except the 7th. This he lauded sharply, but said he knew they did not lack courage, and expected that on the first opportunity they would redeem their reputation.

The following order has been issued respecting the battle at Baton Rouge:

Battalions' Department of the Gulf.

NEW-ORLEANS, Aug. 15, 1862.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 67.—The Commanding General has carefully perused the official reports of the 7th and 12th Regiments, to collect the evidence of the gallant deeds and meritorious services of those engaged in that brilliant victory.

The name of the lamented and gallant Gen. Williams has already passed into history.

Col. Roberts' 1st Vermont Volunteers fall manfully while saving his men. He was worthy of a well-disciplined regiment and a better fate.

Gen. Stevens is fit to die for our country, yet his request gives him the inexplicable pain of seeing it break his heart to be compelled to leave and refuse to march to the aid of the gallant and overvalued Indians.

The 5th Vermont regiment, by a fatal mistake, had already fired into the same regiment that they had refused to support, killing and wounding many.

It is further observed that the colors of this regiment he not honored, and that such time as they shall have exposed their right to them, and the earliest opportunity will be given this regiment to show whether they are worthier descendants of those who fought for自由 and won it at Bunker Hill.

The 1st N. Y. V. were also very creditably detailed to the main battle.

The 5th Maine Volunteers have credit for their gallant conduct throughout the day.

Col. Nickerson deserves well of his country, not more of his own and dear countrymen than for his skill, energy, and perseverance in bringing his men in such a state of discipline as to enable them to execute most difficult manevvers under fire with steadiness and efficiency. His regiment bears the highest honor.

Now battle at 2d Massachusetts, under command of Lt.-Col. Treadwell, its captain being confined by sickness; Everett's battery, 6th Massachusetts, under command of Lieut. Col. Manning's 4th. The 1st Mass. and 1st N. Y. V. were captured, and their colors in their hands. It is to be hoped that that regiment under command of Lieut. Brown, are honorably mentioned for the efficiency and skill with which they were served. The loss of dead and dying within their ranks is irretrievable.

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Col. Dudley, 3d Mass. Volunteers, has credit for the conduct of his corps under his command. The 2d Mass. Regt. was promptly brought into action by Major White, and held its position with steadiness and success.

To the 2d Indians a high medal of praise is awarded. Hon. to whom honor is due. Deprived of the services of their brave and gallant leader, who fell in the field, and who were twice taken to his regiment in the fight, but fell from his horse from weakness, with every field officer wounded and borne from the field, his Adjutant, the gallant Lathem, seized from General Hall, while his chief officer was still known, was shot and mortally wounded, and died on the 2d. The 2d Indians, under Capt. Lathem, fought without a thought of defeat. Lieut.-Col. Keith was everywhere, cheering on his men and directing their movements, and ever set by his very severe wounds, gave them advice and assistance. Major Riley, while sharing the very charge or the most dangerous in the action, showed himself well by his example.

The 2d Conscript and 4th Wisconsin Regiments being posted in reserve, were brought into action after the fall of the 1st. Capt. C. A. Custer, 2d Wis., on whose side the son, and delevated by the death of the lamented Williams, prosecuted the engagement to its ultimate glorious success and made all proper dispositions for a sturdy attack.

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Lieut. H. H. Elliott, A. A. A. General to Gen. Williams, for his coolness and integrity in action, and the promptness with which he fulfilled his duty; Lieut. J. F. Tenney, Quartermaster of the 1st Mass., who fell fighting at Bull Run, and was buried at Antietam; Capt. J. C. H. Bowles, 2d Mass. Inf'y, who was severely wounded by the 30th Mass., acting Adjt. to Col. Dudley, and deavely wounded by the death of the lamented Williams, prosecuted the engagement to its ultimate glorious success and made all proper dispositions for a sturdy attack.

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Lieut. G. F. Witten, 3d Mass. Massachusetts, a highly dashing and gallant young man, bringing a company of his regiment to the aid of Major Witten's battery. The gallant officer and experienced soldier, Captain Eugene Keay of the 1st Mass., who was ordered to deploy his troops and active company of Zouaves as skirmishers on the right, and in the center, to support the 1st Mass. and Lieut. W. M. Gardner, Co. K 5th Mass., who fell, wounded severely, but contrived not to be taken from the field until the last moment.

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The 1st. Chancery Co. 2d, 6th Michigan, Captain D. J. Price, Dr. F. S. Bassett, Surgeon, Capt. Dr. Wm. Blackman, Co. F, all of the 14th Mass., and are commanded for special bravery, gallantry, and good conduct.

Acting Lieut.-Col. Long, Quartermaster-Sergeant, Capt. and Commissary George Jackson, all of the 14th Mass., and all of whom deserved great and entered the ranks at the commencement of the action.

Capt. Chas. H. Manning, 6th Massachusetts Battery, who left his battery mounted, and established his reputation as a true son of the soil, and a supporting Liver, Carpet, and battery. Lieut. Brown of the 2d Indians, commanding a battery, improved from his regiment, for the efficient manner in which he handled the gun. He deserves promotion to the rank of Captain.

Col. Charles E. Clark, acting Lieut.-Col., 6th Michigan, Regt., prevented the enemy from dashing on right, bringing his command at the critical moment to the support of Nick's Battery. Lieut. Howell Company F, 6th Mich., and Lieut. A. H. Taylor, Adjutant of Independency, Capt. and Lieut. J. M. Miller, in command of the 1st Mass., who fell fighting at Bull Run, and Major French, Company K, 4th Mass., who was severely wounded while leading on his men to one of the finest charges of the battle. It is sorrowful, indeed, to say, that by the accident to the steamer Williamson he was drowned.

Col. Wm. Gurney, 127th U. S. V., formerly encamped at the Red House, Charlevoix, now stopped at the Park Barracks, will not march at present to the seat of war, although the time for departure was fixed for Wednesday. Orders were received to inspect the regiment and if not more than 500 men appeared on parade, to countermand the marching order. Less than 400 were present at the inspection. It will probably be consulted with some of our regiments.

GEN. MEAGHER'S IRISH BRIGADE.

All uniformed and ununiformed recruits of Gen. Meagher's Irish Brigade now in the city have been mustered, and his orders a great many dairy yards and vacant lots have been cleaned to prevent the spread of infection. We hope in our next issue to announce the entire disappearance of the epidemic.

From Key West.

By the steamer Columbia we have Key West date of Aug. 23. The Key West New Era of that date contains the following items:

THE HEALTH OF THE CITY.

There have been but few cases of fever among our citizens, though the mortality has been great among the soldiers. Our efficient City Marshal, Mr. F. Filer, has been unceasing in his efforts to keep the city clean, and his orders a great many dairy yards and vacant lots have been cleaned to prevent the spread of infection. We hope in our next issue to announce the entire disappearance of the epidemic.

In the mean time, let us not relax our vigilance nor neglect any of the safeguards against the insidious disease.

DRAFTING IN KEY WEST.

The order issued from the headquarters of this command in regard to the seizure of such negroes as were necessary to perform the police duty was carried into effect on Sunday evening last. The order was sent to Lieut. Griffith, officer of the Provost Guard, who directed Quartermaster Sergeant Guterman and Sergeant Conklin to make a full count of the negroes who have been here throughout the past year, and who with pride speak of the conflict that has been there. They soon returned with seven, these were placed in quarters, and they then in like manner arrested ten more, who were accommodated also with lodgings. The same brothers, after being in confinement a short time, organized a prayer-meeting, and made the whole ring with their hymns and prayers, they not understanding the thing exactly, and thinking if there was any danger they would take the worst view of the case and fortify themselves with devotional exercises. In the morning they were marched up to the Barrack Square and turned over to the Quartermaster's Department. They have been employed digging graves, acting as hospital nurses, polishing buildings, and other sanitary measures. They received Government rations, and an account is kept of them, so that they may receive their pay. They appear to be contented, and take the matter like philosophers. It is anticipated that another draft will be made shortly.

DEATHS.

On Saturday evening, Aug. 23, of the prevailing epidemic, John Sullivan, Captain Co. II, 90th Regiment, N. Y. V., 30th Regt., N. Y. S. V.

On Wednesday, Aug. 20, Lieut. Gridly Mulligan, Co. A, 90th Regiment, N. Y. S. V.

On Saturday, Aug. 23, Charles N. Frewer Quartermaster Sergeant, 90th Regt., N. Y. S. V., aged 22 years.

On Monday, Aug. 25, William A. Barnes Ordnance Sergeant, 90th Regt., N. Y. S. V., aged 26 years.

On Wednesday, Aug. 27, Thomas Graham, a native of Philadelphia, Pa.

On Thursday, Aug. 28, Lewis A. Tucker, first Sergeant Co. A, 90th Regt., N. Y. S. V.

On Friday, Aug. 29, Sergeant George A. Gunn, Co. B, 90th Regiment, N. Y. V.

LOCAL MILITARY MATTERS.

SEVENTH REGIMENT, N. Y. V.

Lieut. Geo. Bishop is recruiting for the 7th Regiment, Col. Daniel Ulmann, at the Barracks, in the City Hall Park. The regiment has been for some months in the service, under Gen. Banks.

DUKE OF YORK'S—SECOND BATTALION.

The organization of the Second Battalion of Duke of York's is progressing rapidly under the efficient Major H. D. Hall of the First Battalion, who is to be Colonel of the new corps. Maj. Smith of the 3d New-York Volunteers is to be Lieutenant-Colonel. The headquarters are at old Mozart Hall, opposite Bond street.

EMPIRE BRIGADE.

Recruiting for this command continues encouragingly. The following are the regiments comprising the brigade: 1st, Col. Jordan, 300 men; 2d, Col. Chason, 300 men; 3d, Col. Bendix, 700 men; 4th, Col. Burke, 700 men. The 2d Regiment will be mustered into service.

FUNERAL OF CORPORAL HUMPHREYS.

The funeral of Corporal Chas. P. Humphreys of Duryee's Zouaves took place at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 28, from the residence of his uncle, No. 709 Broadway.

The deceased was 24 years of age, and a brave, intelligent soldier. He was twice wounded within the last twelve months, and was promoted to the rank of corporal.

On Aug. 28, Capt. Frank Lyon, 1st Lieutenant, Co. A, 3d New-York Volunteers, commanding the 4th Louisiana and capturing their colors, which the regiment has leave to send to its native State.

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